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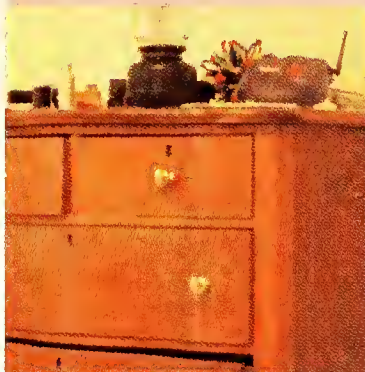
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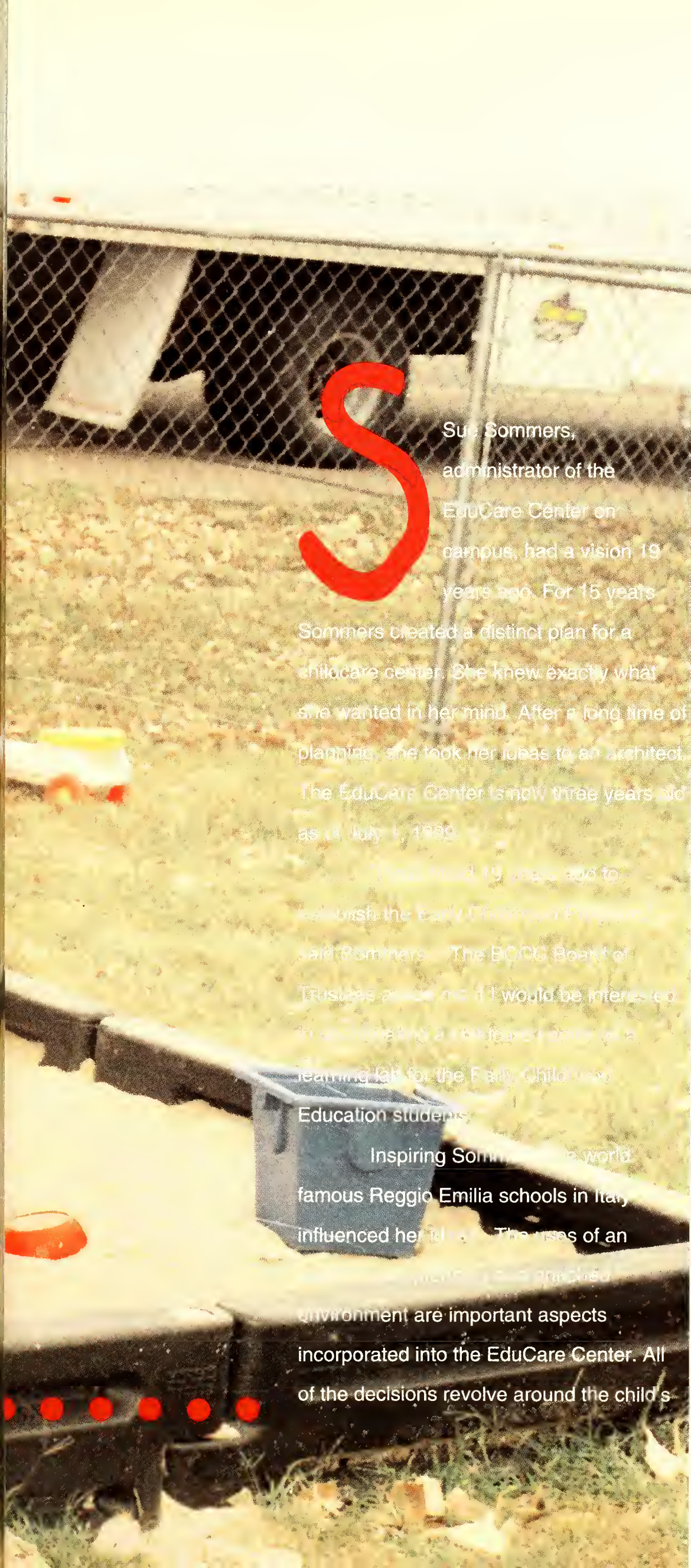
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EduCare Kids

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Dean of Behavioral
Sciences





Story and Photos by Ashley McCullough

Sue Sommers, administrator of the EduCare Center on campus, had a vision 19 years ago. For 15 years Sommers created a distinct plan for a childcare center. She knew exactly what she wanted in her mind. After a long time of planning, she took her ideas to an architect. The EduCare Center is now three years old as of July 1, 1999.

"I had about 19 years ago to establish the Early Childhood Program," said Sommers. "The BCCG Board of Trustees approved it. I would be interested in creating a childcare center as a learning lab for the Early Childhood Education students."

Inspiring Sommers is the world famous Reggio Emilia schools in Italy influenced her ideas. The uses of an environment which is rich and playful environment are important aspects incorporated into the EduCare Center. All of the decisions revolve around the child's

best interest, which makes it a family friendly organization.

"I wish all children had the opportunity to go to a daycare facility like the EduCare Center," said Lori Winningham, Dean of Behavioral Sciences.

The EduCare Center provides an enriched curriculum to facilitate social growth, language development, large and small muscle development, and cognitive growth in math, science, music and art. It is based on developmentally appropriate practices (DAP) for young children. Children learn by enjoying hands-on activities and experiencing their environment.

"My daughter likes the structure of the day," said Winningham. "She can't wait to go see her friends and participate in the activities at the center."

SERVICES

The center provides childcare services to BCCG students, faculty and staff, and community members. Priority is given to full-time needs. Approximately 130 children are in the center. Ages range from two weeks to 12 years old.



Andy Winningham makes a spaceship out of Legos. The Legos come with diagrams for the children to build off of.

BCCC students have an incentive in taking their children to the center.

"Students from the college receive a discount," said Lisa Byfield, director. "Faculty received a discount too before the board voted it down."

Part of the Social Rehabilitation Services (SRS) grant money that the center receives provides children transportation for a variety of exciting field trips.

The EduCare Center is a state-of-the-art childcare facility. It is funded by children's tuition, donations, grants (including SRS block grants) and college funds. It is also a teaching lab for the Early Childhood Education Program.

LEARNING LAB

Winningham said that a hands-on lab is a better way for the students to learn.

The EduCare Center is a working

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Sommers.

classroom for college students studying in childcare, development and teaching. This type of classroom technique is excellent for the children, ensuring that there is always plenty of help on hand for nurturing and encouraging socialization skills. As for the staff at Butler, they feel this type of hands-on training involves some of the best childcare, teaching and child development techniques in the state.

TEACHERS

"There are a variety of teachers at the center," said Byfield. "We have students who are on work scholarship, federal work study, regular student workers, subs, teacher assistants and leave teachers."

As a dean, Winningham gets to know the teachers a little bit better.

"I've had bad experiences with childcare in the past," said Winningham. "I chose the EduCare Center because it was new, and it was so clean and nice compared to the other centers I've used. It's good to know that on my lunch hour I can go over there and rock my eight month old if he isn't feeling well."

Age group and grade level divide the children. The center has its own preschool and kindergarten.

GRANTS

Though the center stands today, it took dedication and a lot of persuasion to get the board to accept the proposal.

Sommers said Judy Carney in the



The Blues 1, Earlene Bogart's class spent their time on the toddler playground before nap time.



Cade Libby (left) gives Kade Koltiska (right) a push on the swings.

grant office helped the EduCare Center out of some tough times when taking the grants to the Board of Trustees.

"It took 15 years to convince the college that they wanted this," said Sommers. "We went to the board and wrote grants, but we were constantly turned down, sometimes unanimously."

Not only is the center a dream come true, but it is every child's dream. The fun atmosphere on the outside just gets better on the inside of the center.



When it comes to decorating your dorm room, using pictures becomes a cheap and easy way to furnish the walls.

Story by Rachel Julius

Finding a Place to Stay

Housing comes in a variety of ways for students. Get a glance of your fellow classmates' living conditions.

In the last five years, the number of students wanting to live in the dorms has reached an all-time high. With only 295 beds and well over 400 applications, it was hard to turn down students requesting rooms.

While many students found it easy to get into the dorms, others found it rather difficult.

"The last five years we have had an annual waiting list for the dorms," said President Jackie Vietti.

The only possible solution to the problem would be to build more dorms.

"We are aware that it (lack of rooms in the dorms) is an issue and are actively seeking solutions," said Vietti.

"My roommate, Lanetta Cross (Derby freshman), and



Unless you eat off of paper plates, washing dishes is a fact of life for students living in apartments.

I were pretty lucky,” said Michelle Darling, also a Derby freshman. “We had no problem getting in, no waiting list.”

The other problem posed when getting into the dorms was the expenses. Setting aside the cost of the dorms, students have to pay extra for phone lines, snack food, laundry and any decoration they choose to have in the dorms.

“It’s about \$1,200 for room and board per semester plus \$400-500 for extras such as food, laundry and entertainment,” says Darling.

Other alternatives to staying in the dorms are renting an apartment, finding a home to rent or possibly finding a family who would take you in.

Many who have found an apartment say it is a lot better than dorm life because there is more freedom.

Casey Cherryholmes, an Augusta freshman, found it easy to rent an apartment.

“I think it is a lot easier to stay in an apartment because you become more independent and have more freedom,” said Cherryholmes.

The monthly payments for El Dorado apartments usually range from \$200 or more a month. Not only do students have to worry about monthly bills but also food and entertainment expenses.


“I spend about \$100 for extras each month—that’s not including internet access and cable,” said Cherryholmes. “I have to work two jobs to keep up payment on the apartment.”

In one case, Joe Youngblood, an Emporia freshman, could not get into the campus dorms because there were no rooms available. Instead, he found an ad in the newspaper from a family asking for two college students who were looking for a place to live.

“The couple has kids who are away at college and they wanted to rent out their kids’ two rooms to



Essential necessities are a part of everyday life. Whether it be contact solution, soap, or hairspray, you can usually find it around the sink in the dorm rooms.



*Having a computer
has become part of
almost every
student's life.
Computers provide
an easy way to get
information off the
internet for research
papers, essays and
other homework
assignments.*



students attending Butler County,” said Youngblood.

“The family takes care of food, bills and laundry. They also provide entertainment such as cable TV and internet access. But they do require \$455 a month.”

Whether you are staying in the dorms, an apartment, or commuting from home, each place comes with a set of rules.

At Shannon Plaza Apartments normal rules and regulations apply to all residents. A quiet environment is required in order to keep residency.

“I never have trouble sleeping at night because the noise level is never loud,” said Burlington freshman Joya Cleveland. “You run the risk of getting kicked out if you are too loud.”

So when it comes time to go home hunting, whether it be for a house, apartment, or dorm, keep your options open, stick to your budget, and hopefully you’ll find your home sweet home.



A bedroom gives insight to a person's personality and what they like. Bedrooms are a place to escape when life gets tough.

STORY BY MR. MICHAEL SWAN

From the Persian Gulf to Butler County

NEW MEN'S ASSISTANT COACH HAS COVERED THE BASKETBALL MAP FROM NEW MEXICO TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Basketball has been Earl Diddle's ticket. His ticket to success after difficult beginnings and his ticket to the world.

Diddle is the new assistant coach for the Grizzly men's program. His assignment for the previous year - Olympic coach for the United Arab Emirates, an oil-rich country in the Persian Gulf - was the last stop on a basketball map that has taken him across the country and the world. It is also a journey that has brought him in contact with some of the biggest names in the sport. His desire to be closer to his three adult daughters and his friendship with new Butler County head coach Dennis Helms brought him here.

"I always wanted to be a coach," said the personable Diddle. He even refers to it

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as a "calling."

"I had influential coaches from fourth grade through high school," he pointed out.

Diddle's basketball resume looks like a "Who's Who" of the sport: Head coach at Eastern New Mexico for ten years (1988-1998), with a win over the University of New Mexico in their famed arena, "The Pit"; assistant at Indiana State (1979-1985) to Bill Hodges (Diddle was on the bench when the Sycamores finished as NCAA runner up in 1979 with Larry Bird); and the youngest 5-A high school coach ever in the state of Ohio at East Liverpool, his alma mater.

His other stays on the basketball map include head coaching stints at Panhandle State University in Oklahoma (1985-1988), assistant coach at Wabash Valley College in Mount Carmel, Ill. (1978-1979), head coach and athletic director at Kent State Regional Campus in East Liverpool (1973-

1977) and graduate assistant at Tennessee Tech (1972-1973).

All this after Diddle was an outstanding high school athlete in East Liverpool, graduating in 1968 and later earning induction into his high school Hall of Fame. He played hoops for a year at a junior college in Kentucky and then it was on to Ashland University in Ohio, where he played for

legendary coach Bill Musselman, now an assistant with the NBA's Portland Trailblazers. Diddle graduated with a degree in Health and Physical Education in 1972 and his coaching career was launched, becoming the head man at his old high school after that year as a grad assistant at Tennessee Tech.

He said his stay was enjoyable, playing before big crowds, but it was also very difficult, due to his young age (23 when he started). There is no substitute for experience, he added, and it was tough to go home.

But his coaching appetite had been whetted, and he was ready for more. Coaching had been his lifelong goal, his passion.

His coaching trail is marked with experience with some of the top names in basketball -- Musselman,

Hodges, Bird, John Chaney, Abe Lemons, Dennis Rodman. The list goes on and on.

During his coaching time in Oklahoma, his teams played against Lemons when the former University of Texas head man was coaching at Oklahoma City U., during his second stay there.

He also coached against Southeastern Oklahoma when Dennis Rodman was on that team.

"He had 21 points. He did the things that stood out in basketball. He was what we call a 'range rebounder.' He could go outside his body plane to rebound.

"They beat us by three to go to the national tourney."

Chaney later took the young

coach under his wing and earned an ardent admirer. He gave young Diddle plenty of advice.

"John is a true warrior," Diddle said, calling the long-time Temple coach a "blue collar" type who has his total respect.

Coaching's hold on Diddle is even more understandable when you look at his childhood. Diddle grew up living in a hotel on the banks of the Ohio River in East Liverpool. His mother was



married five times. The hotel housed a rough crowd.

"By age nine I had a Ph.D. in life," Diddle said.

He even goes as far as to label his life in the hotel "a great experience."

Diddle shined shoes and sold newspapers on the corner growing up. By the time he returned to East Liverpool as a coach, his niche in the world was set, and it was not to be an easy one.

"As coach (at East Liverpool), I could not afford to not be successful.

"I knew what the hotel meant, what Vietnam meant, what the steel mill meant. I didn't want any of those things if I could help it."

But any pressure he's put on himself in his coaching years has been tempered by his early experiences. Nothing bothers him too much after what could be described as a tough childhood.

That does not mean he's not intense.

References to his coaching philosophy pepper his conversation.

"You are only who you are and that's who you've got to be. You have to be a leader and you have to have accountability, though. Sometimes you have to say hard things to people and be blatantly honest. It can't be this 90s approach of 'I'm O.K., you're O.K.' There's a scoreboard and a results. That makes all the difference in the world."

Diddle thinks you do best when you have passion for what you do. He says he enjoys coaching regardless of his successes or failures.

"I never thought I had to get anywhere. I've found striving more exciting than the arrival. It's the moment....

"Losing is instant reality and winning is very fleeting."

This from a man who has a career coaching record of 294-203 (.591).

"Players hang on to things. And you have to put things behind you very, very quickly. Because you're only as good as your last game.

"The key is getting started. You never stop getting started.

"Because not many people have jobs, like a North Carolina or a Kentucky, that perpetuate themselves.

"You have to have energy every day. The lifeblood of college basketball is recruiting good student-athletes and that takes energy."

Diddle had that long stay at Eastern New Mexico, finishing with a record of 156-124, including a win at New Mexico in front of 18,000 fans.

The ENMU Greyhounds finished 23-7 in 1992-93 and were one win from qualifying for the NCAA Division II Elite Eight tournament, losing to Washburn of Kansas.

Diddle saw the United Arab Emirates job as an opportunity, where he enjoyed success on the court and a fine lifestyle off it.

He said UAE was a "sinfully rich" country, with horse and camel racing among the popular sports, along with beautiful golf courses. He lived across from a tennis club and had a nice place to stay and a good salary, which he did not care to disclose.

His squad included a 6-11 and a 6-10 player with many "older" squad members, not unlike European teams. They finished eighth in the Asian Games, their highest placing ever in that event. They were in Thailand for a month for the Asian Games, and the stay included the country's biggest win ever, a 76-72 defeat

of Japan. He said he found the Thai people "among the nicest in the world."

Once a month, Diddle would meet with his bosses in Abu Dhabi, the capital, and things were running smoothly. But, he feared, if he stayed too long he might not end up coming back to the United States and that pained him.

He really enjoys being back in America, nearer his three daughters, and likes being around the people of Kansas. He was able to attend daughter Bethany's graduation in May from New Mexico State, where she was All Big West in volleyball. She now is working on a master's at Florida International University in Miami. Another daughter, Colby, is a model in New York City and his third daughter, Brooke, attends Newbury College in Boston.

Diddle liked the adventurous life he was leading, but said three words come to his mind upon his return: "God bless America."

He likes the work environment at Butler and the challenges of the Jayhawk Conference.

"People have been very nice here," Diddle said, "and I appreciate that."

Grizzly assistant Earl Diddle is enjoying coaching in the United States after guiding the Olympic team from the United Arab Emirates. Diddle has coached among some of the biggest names in basketball, from Larry Bird to Dennis Rodman. He had a long stay at Eastern New Mexico before going overseas.

NEW MEN'S HEAD BASKETBALL COACH DENNIS

HELMS HAS AN IMPRESSIVE RESUME, INCLUDING EXPERIENCE AT MANY LEVELS OF COACHING.

AND WILL BE PROFILED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE GRIZZLY. WE WANTED TO INTERVIEW HIM

AFTER THE BASKETBALL SEASON WAS UNDERWAY

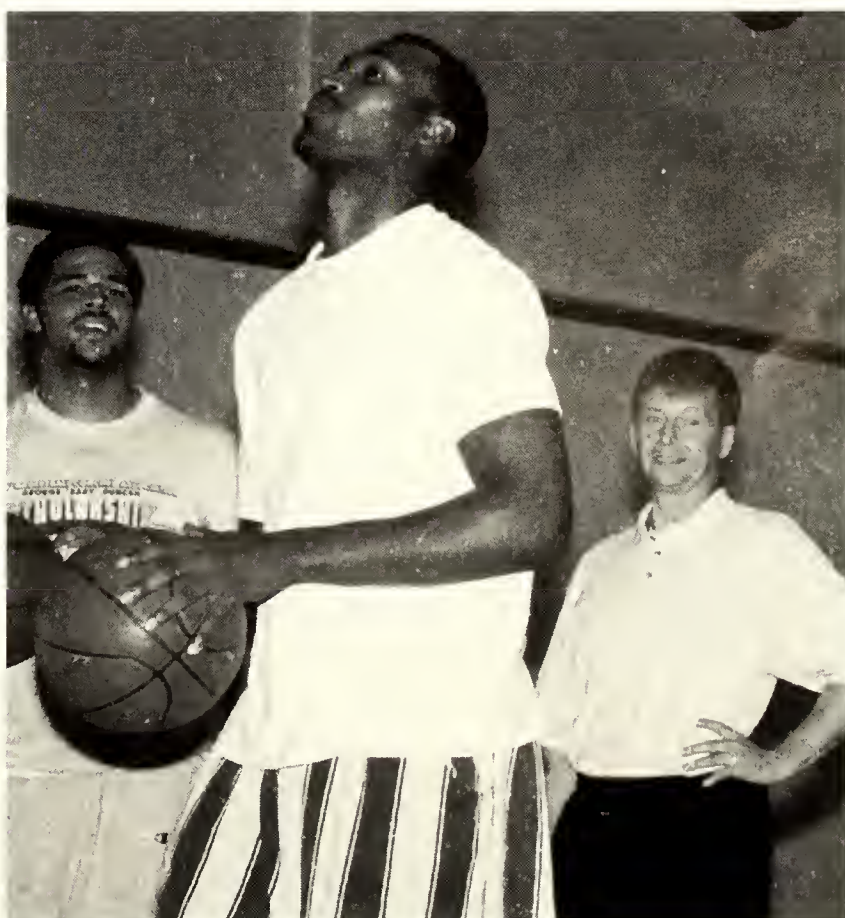
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE 11 CONFERENCE

CHAMPIONSHIPS.



THE TRADITION CONTINUES

story by Sofia Talavera

THE GRIZZLIES
REACHED THE TOP
RANKING ONCE AGAIN
THIS YEAR,
STRETCHING THEIR
IMPRESSIVE WINNING
STREAK TO 17
GAMES.



Sophomore Lance Stegman of Lyons, Kan., nabs a pass for a touchdown against Independence. Photo by Michael Mueller

As of mid September, the Grizzlies are ranked first in the country. Butler lost 19 starters off of last year's team, so the Grizzlies will have to work extra hard to keep their ranking. So far, this young team has managed to defy the odds as they continue to dominate the fields once again. They began their season in Miami, Okla., against Northeastern Oklahoma University (NEO), beating them 27-14. The Grizzlies scored 18 points in the fourth quarter. Head Football Coach James Shibest was shocked at how well the team had played, especially with the team being so inexperienced. The Grizzlies' game against Independence Community College

could be classified as a runaway. The Grizzlies came away with a 52-12 victory.

The most intense game of the season as of press time was against the No. 2 ranked team in the country, the Coffeyville Ravens.

"This is the biggest game of the year," quarterback Daniel Cobb of Marietta, Ga. said before the game. "There is a lot of pressure because it's the biggest game in the country for community colleges. We have a lot to prove. We have major holes to fill, but we have the talent to make it happen."

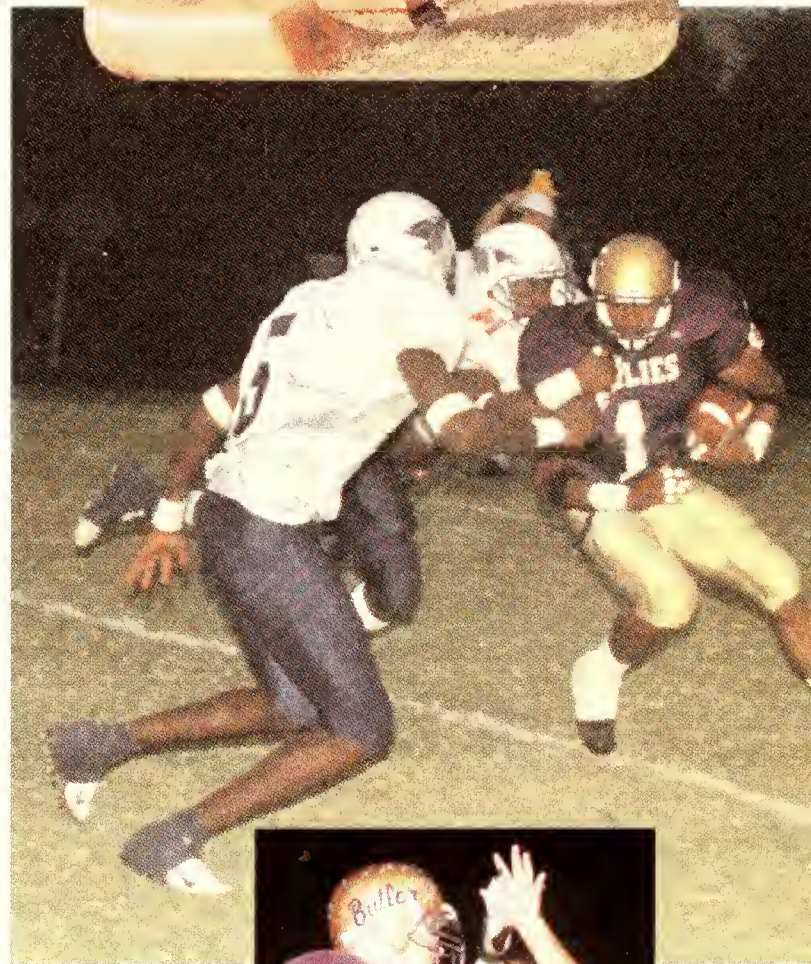
Coffeyville had control, having possession for 40 1/2 minutes and running 88 plays compared to Butler's 49. The Grizzlies came back after being behind 17-7 at halftime to win 26-24.

"When we're down that's when we preach about adversity," Coach Shibest said. "They don't give up and they continue to play hard, no matter what the score is. When you play hard it creates your own luck."

Their victory against Coffeyville earned them top ranking in the country.

With a 3-0 record the Grizzlies played the Hutchinson Dragons. The Grizzlies took the game 38-7. Sophomore Rudi Johnson of Colonial Heights, Va. rushed for two touchdowns.

"The defense is stepping up and the offense is showing a lot of leadership," sophomore offensive lineman Mike Bowers of Kansas City, Kan. said. "We're not sneaking up on anybody, we're everybody's competition."



From top to bottom: The Grizzlies worked hard to be highly ranked. This is just one of the many drills the Grizzlies practiced to keep them on their toes; Freshman Chavez Donnings of Tallahassee, Fla. charges through the defensive line. He breaks through to give the Grizzlies an early start to victory; Coach takes time out to congratulate a lineman on a job well done. "Defense and offense are showing a lot of maturity," said Shibest; Sophomore Sam Breeden of Hamlett, N.C. catches a pass in the Hutchinson game. The Grizzlies went on to win 38-7. **Photos by Sofia Talavera**

In full Swing

Story and Photos by
Jessy Clonts



The Butler team practices six days a week in the extreme heat, rain, wind or shine, for at least 18 holes at a time. While doing this they also manage to make 3.0 GPA's.

For those of you who think that golf is nothing but a bunch of old men chasing a small white ball across miles of lush green grass, think again. The Butler men's golf team is hardly old, and they don't chase the ball, they dominate it. These eight men play in two seasons, fall and spring, and competitively play a total of 452 holes all year. Stereotypical jocks, these men are not; while juggling practice and tournaments, every last one of them manages to make at least a 3.0 grade point average. Out of the 20 years Coach Felix Adams Jr. has coached the team, Butler has made it to nationals 16 times. Scott Sayre, Augusta freshman, placed first



The players' practice scores during the week determine who gets to play in the upcoming tournament, and who is merely going to watch. Andy Payne, Topeka sophomore, lines up his shot at Terradyne Country Club.

individually in their first designated tournament in Ark City Sept. 2-3 with a combined total of 145; Travis Hurst, Erie sophomore, earned second place with a combined total of 147. In their second tournament in Dodge City Sept. 16-17, Hurst placed first individually with a combined total of 138. "It puts a little more pressure on me knowing that a couple of schools are looking at me," says Hurst. "Every day I know I have to go out and play good because it's what people expect from me."

Perhaps the Butler team can make the trip to nationals a 17th time. "When you have a winning team, your best competition is within the team, and this is what I'm seeing this year," said Adams.

Improvement

Paves a Bumpy Road

Story and Photos by Rachel Julius

With a new fulltime coach, three returning players and several new recruits, the season started off on a bumpy road for the Butler volleyball team. Struggling with losses has been frustrating not only for the team but for the coach as well.

In the first match against Dodge City the girls started off rough by losing 4-15. The second match brought some hope when the girls defeated Dodge 15-9. But, in the last match, the girls were defeated 7-15.

After losing to Dodge City, the Grizzly girls went up against Pratt. In the first game the girls were only two points (14-16) away from winning the match. In the second game, the girls were once again defeated 7-15.

In the games against Hutchinson, the girls started off well, winning 15-10. In the second and third matches, Hutchinson came back to win both.

Congratulating each other on a point, the Grizzly girls show that working together is an important part of being a team. Encouragement from each other helps lift the spirits of the team.

Getting ready to receive a serve from Pratt, Grizzly girls get set. Being ready is a vital part of every game.



A White Rabbit

Story and Photos by Dylan Storey

"Harvey" is a play about life and an attempt by a man to make it just a little more pleasant for everyone.

Plot

Elwood P. Dowd has a friend, an imaginary friend Harvey, a six and a half foot tall rabbit. When Elwood starts to introduce Harvey to guests at an important dinner party, it pushes his sister Veta over the edge. When she decides that she has seen as much of his eccentric behavior as she can stand, she decides to have him committed to a sanitarium to spare her daughter, Mertle Mae, and their family from future embarrassment. The plot thickens, however, when Veta herself is thought to be psychotic. The doctors then commit Veta instead of Elwood, but when the mistake is realized, the search for Elwood and his invisible companion begins. Elwood then shows up back at the sanitarium looking for his lost friend Harvey. It seems that Elwood's delusion has had a strange effect on Doctor Chumley. Only after all of this, does Veta realize that maybe she can live with Harvey after all.



Named Harvey



Director

The play "Harvey" was directed by Mr. Larry Patton, Butler's very own Dean of Fine Arts. Although Dean Patton enjoys directing plays, this is the first time in three years that he has had the chance to direct. "As dean, I don't get the chance to teach or direct due to my other commitments. With this play, though, I made time because this is a show that I really wanted to do." There were two professional actors involved. Bob Peterson played Elwood P. Dowd, and Michele Banks played Elwood's sister, Mrs. Veta Louise Simmons. These professionals worked very closely with the students in order to provide the less experienced actors with some insight into what it takes to make a truly successful production.

"As I've told many others, this has been an enjoyable group to work with and also a hard working one," said Patton.

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Dean Larry
Patton.

Set

If there is one thing in the play that is as important as the actors, it is the set. The set for the play *Harvey* was no different. *Harvey's* set took five weeks of intense work; every week day since the second day of classes.

Many people contributed to the play and worked behind the scenes and do not receive the recognition of the actors on

stage.

These people include the stage crew, which is comprised of 13 people. Their job is to build the set, and make it as believable as possible.

Then there is the production crew, which is made up of four people that work with the lighting, sound and props, and the deck hand.

Harvey Characters

Myrtle	Amber Nelson	Veta Louise	Michelle Banks
Elwood	Bob Peterson	Maid	Georgette Spelvin
Mrs. Chauvent	Mary Ramsey	Miss Kelly	Tammy Lewis
Wilson	Andy Michael	Dr. Sanderson	Colby Taylor
Dr. Chumley	Jeremy Henson	Judge Gaffney	Joe Youngblood
E.J. Lonfgren	Dustin Dick	Mrs. Chumley	Camille Woods

Stage Crew

Eric Bean
Amanda Cook
Josi Hendricks
Kimberly Hughes
Jesse Long
Charles Rasico
Joseph Youngblood

Brett Bible
David Diebold
Jeremy Henson
John Lies
Andrew Michael
Darrel Isham

Production Crew

Light Board Operator.....Matt Corkill
PropsTammy Lewis
Sound Operator ..Tammy Sommerhauser
Deck HandAmanda Cook





Bob Peterson as Elwood P. Dowd, relaxing against the mantel, inspects the painting of himself with Harvey.



Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts Larry Patton, and director of the play, Harvey.



The guys at Butler sport baseball caps, blue jeans and sweatshirts. You can never go wrong with this combo in the fall.

T R E N D S

In today's fast growing world, it's hard to keep up with fashion economics. What was in style yesterday could become today's joke and tomorrow's example of what not to wear in the future. Oftentimes styles make their way back around to popularity.

With the end of summer and the beginning of fall, new trends are being spotted everywhere on campus. Students around Butler are being recognized for their trends, whether they are perfecting a combination of a chunky sweater with jeans or an outfit pieced together effortlessly. Students know what they want and how to wear it.

"As we move into the next

millenium, the rules are changing," says Brooks Brother's designer Jarlath Mellett in the September issue of *Vogue Magazine*. "Fashion shouldn't dictate but be a way to express yourself."

There is nothing unwise about buying the newest trends but you should keep in mind that you will not be wearing them forever. That hardest part of looking stylish is trying to guess when what is *in* will turn to what's *out*. There is no successful way to predict the life span of a trend, so shop wisely.

So, with that in mind, instead of looking at the next *Glamour Magazine*, take a look around campus to find trends on what's hot and what's not.



do's & dont's

The fashion police are out. Read on to find what's hot and what's not in this season's campus trends.



Do's	Dont's
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Wear sweaters. With fall comes cold weather. You can be warm and stylish at the same time.■ Try to stay comfortable. Loose sweaters and cotton pants are a trend for any season.■ Continue wearing plaid. Plaid is a craze that will never go out of style.■ Skirts come in a variety of lengths from the knee to ankle and are reasonably priced.■ Get sports wear. It's playful and casual.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Mix black and brown. Black doesn't look good with just anything. Try to color coordinate.■ Wear hats that can be mistaken for someone's pet. Furry hats can almost be confused with a badly dyed toupee. Baseball and fishing hats are more stylish.■ Wear socks with sandals.■ Some styles do get tiresome after a while. Keep up to date and don't be afraid to change.



MAKING THE COLLEGE COMMUTE

Story by
Lindsey Thorpe



Stopping a Butler student, Kansas Highway Patrolman Second Lieutenant Joe Bott gives a warning for speeding. **Photo by Lindsey Thorpe**

Commuter Traffic

With the lack of housing space on campus, many students either stay in nearby houses or apartments. Most, however, commute from nearby

the Kansas Turnpike, Interstate 35. Though Highway 254 will get you to El Dorado, the turnpike is a quicker, more efficient route for most students to take. Chances are, if you are a student who commutes, you have seen cars marked with the same purple Butler parking sticker as the one on your left bottom rear windshield or bumper, headed towards the same destination.

You may also have noticed some of your fellow classmates or worse, yourself, being pulled over by, you guessed it, a Kansas State Trooper. Fact is, many students do speed on their commute to and from school. However, in a recent ride-along with Kansas Highway Patrolman Second Lieutenant Joe Bott, I found that it would be wise to slow it down.

Speeding

Contrary to popular belief, state troopers are monitoring the turnpike more

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communities.

Each weekday, many students attending the Butler campus in El Dorado make their way to and from school using

than ever. "There are a set number of troopers on the turnpike at all times," said 2nd Lt. Bott.

"Three shifts rotate and provide for

24-hour coverage.”

Most troopers monitor speeds from a radar unit while driving, not from a stationary position. According to 2nd Lt. Bott, there are four ways to verify the speed of a car with a radar gun. The first way is by visual observation. “Usually, I can tell if a car is speeding just by the way it moves compared to the other cars,” said 2nd Lt. Bott.

Secondly, the radar makes a high pitched noise. The higher the pitch is, the higher the speed of



added to the ticket. The current court cost is \$46.

Excessively high speeds can result in additional charges. It is a judgment call on the trooper's part to charge someone with reckless driving.

“In order to charge someone with driving recklessly, they have to be knowingly and willingly breaking the law and even putting others in danger,” said 2nd Lt. Bott. “If someone is going 100 mph in and out of traffic, I would definitely charge them with reckless driving.”

State troopers are not beyond giving tickets for violations other than speeding. According to 2nd

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the vehicle.

Next, the trooper will look at the radar reading for the targeted car, and lastly, that speed is compared to that of the trooper's to ensure an accurate reading.

Troopers do have a radar in the rear of their cars so do not think you are in the clear just because you are speeding behind a trooper.

Besides the radar gun, state troopers can clock your speed with a certified stopwatch. Some troopers prefer the stopwatch to the radar because it gives an average speed for a given distance.

Ticket Troubles

Tickets can be costly and are put on your permanent record, as some students find out the hard way. Ticket prices are set by statute, meaning a law has been passed making the prices permanent. However, the court cost, an additional charge that may vary, is



Trooper cars can be spotted on the turnpike all day, every day monitoring the road for safety. Photo by Lindsey Thorpe

Lt. Bott, the top three violations on the turnpike are: speeding, driving under the influence (DUI's) and aggressive driving. Aggressive driving can be considered

driving too closely, improper lane changes and numerous other moving violations.

Driving Dangers

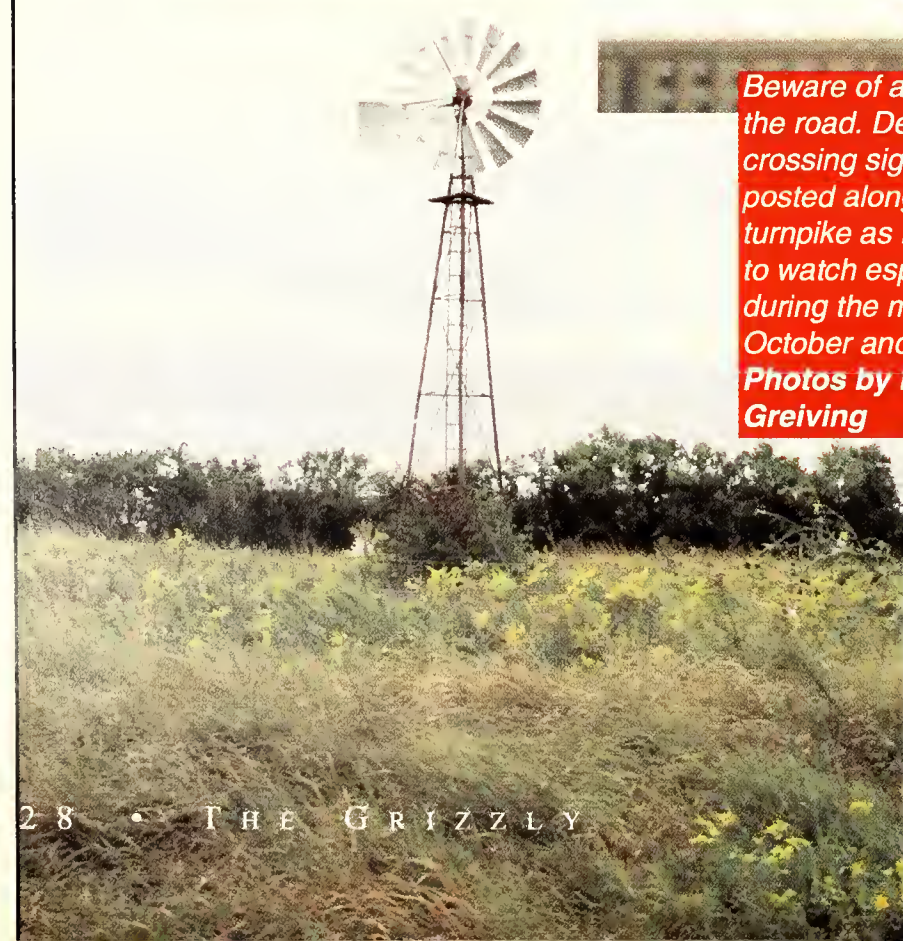
Driving in bad weather conditions is a primary concern for commuting students. According to 2nd Lt. Bott, about 75 percent of accidents on the turnpike are weather related. “I cannot stress enough to people the importance of slowing it down in bad weather,” said 2nd Lt. Bott, with a look of concern. “In any adverse weather conditions, it is imperative to adjust your speed accordingly.”



Take a second to enjoy the scenery around you on the road. For many students, the drive home can be very relaxing. **Photos by Darren Greiving**



Beware of animals in the road. Deer crossing signs are posted along the turnpike as reminders to watch especially during the months of October and May. **Photos by Darren Greiving**



Another safety hazard is the risk of hitting an animal such as a deer. Spring and fall seem to be the seasons in which deer are on the move the most. Commuting students should keep an eye out for animals on the road, especially during the months of October and May.

What would you do if you had car trouble on the side of the road? Just about any law enforcement official will tell you to not get out of your car and walk. It is illegal on the turnpike, not to mention dangerous. The best thing to do is call *KTA if you have a phone. If a phone is inaccessible, do not

give up hope. "We frequently get calls from other drivers alerting us about someone with car trouble," said 2nd Lt. Bott. More often than not, an officer will be on his or her way to help within a very short period of

time. If you leave your car, you risk missing the officer. Bottom line: stay where you are.

Road Rules

So, when it comes to your commute to class, leave a little early, be alert and wear your seatbelt. Crank up the music and enjoy the ride.



COMMUTING COSTS

To El Dorado from surrounding communities

Andover	\$0.50
East Wichita	\$0.80
Haysville-Derby	\$1.25
K-15 Wichita	\$0.95
K-96 Wichita	\$0.70
Mulvane	\$1.25
South Wichita	\$1.00

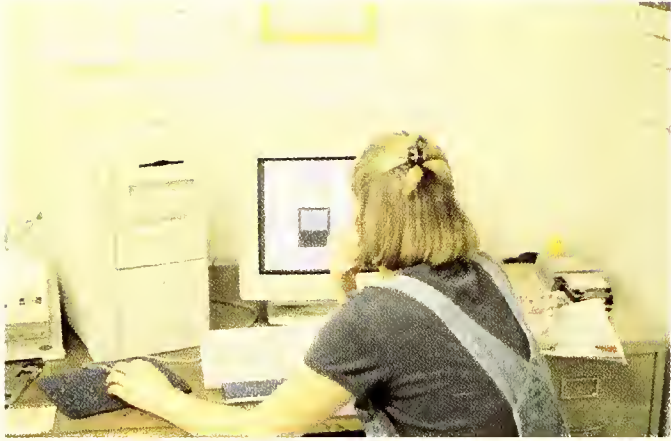
* According to the Kansas Turnpike Authority

Turnpike travelers beware. Don't overlook the 20 mph sign as you drive through the K-Tag gate. "We (state troopers) are really starting to crack down on the 20 mph speed limit," said 2nd Lt. Bott.

SPEED
LIMIT
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PEDESTRIANS
PROHIBITED

Staff Introductions



With six out of the seven staff members new to Butler this year, and a new faculty adviser, the Grizzly staff is adjusting to the computers and other specifics involved in producing a magazine. Everyone brought their own talents to the table in an effort to publish a magazine that will capture the life and times of Butler's own. Your feedback is encouraged and appreciated and will be taken into consideration.





ey McCullough, Lindsey Thorpe, Rachel Julius; Row 2: Jessy Clonts,
ra, Dylon Storey. Not Pictured: Darren Greiving



The Grizzly mascot signals that Butler is #1. Photo by Sofia Talavera